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(UNASSIGNED NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION)**

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**RESORBABLE SURGICAL FIXATION DEVICE**

and for which a patent application:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above

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